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My dear Sir

Many thanks for
your letter of the 7th. Many
will welcome you next
year, and if we might
have even a ^{hasty} lecture, instead
of a prepared paper, it would
be much appreciated by
every one.

As to Professor Reisch's
Coal theory, we were so
doubtful ^{of it}, that it was only

arranged that we should
give him an evening
that he might be fairly
"heard", and ~~the~~ proof copies
of his remarks were ^{specially} marked
"private", and sent with
a special head note (saying
that his essay was private and
had not been
published) to those Geologists
who could form an opinion.

The Council wishing to be
satisfied that his theory
had any value before
it admitted his paper into

The journal, the result
has been that the Council
feels that Professor Reichen-
theory (upon which he
had written in Germany
and America, - his ^{quarto} works
are probably in your
possession -) cannot
be accepted, and his paper
will find no place ^{whatever} in
the published records of
the Society.

I am thus particular in
showing the careful steps
taken by the Council, as

by your letter I see
you have thought we
had treated Professor Reisch's
~~essay~~ theoretical essay
as an ordinary paper,

Yours very truly

J. R. Rice

Wm. Chandler

W. Dawson Esq.

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